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Asian Population in the United States, Washington Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area (PMSA), and in the District of Columbia

Introduction

In the 1950 Census, "Asians and Pacific Islanders" were grouped in one race category. In the 1997 Revisions, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) decided to break the Asian and Pacific Islander race category into two race categories, "Asian" and "Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander". This report provides an overview of the geographic distribution of the "Asian and Pacific Islander" population for years 1950, 1980 and 1990 and the "Asian" population for year 2010. This distribution is illustrated by number and percent nationally, by state, for the Washington D.C. Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area (PMSA), and for Washington, DC.

Asian & Pacific Islander Population in the United States in 1950

According to the 1950 Census, the population of the United States was 150,697,361 on April 1, 1950. Of the total, 321,033 or 0.2 percent were Asians and Pacific Islanders. More than three-fourths or 76.9 percent of Asians and Pacific Islanders lived in four states (California, New York, Illinois, and Washington).

California had the largest Asian and Pacific Islander population (183,704), followed by New York (27,783), Illinois (17,960) and Washington (17,379), while Vermont with a total of 55 had the smallest Asian and Pacific Islander population. Asians and Pacific Islanders in California alone accounted for more than half or 57.2 percent of the total Asians and Pacific Islanders in the United States. California also had the highest percentage of Asians and Pacific Islanders in its total population (1.7 percent), followed

by Washington (0.7 percent) and Utah (0.7 Percent), while West Virginia (0.01 percent) had the lowest percentage. In 1950, nine states and the District of Columbia had percentages of Asian and Pacific Islander population higher than the national average at 0.2 percent (Table 1).

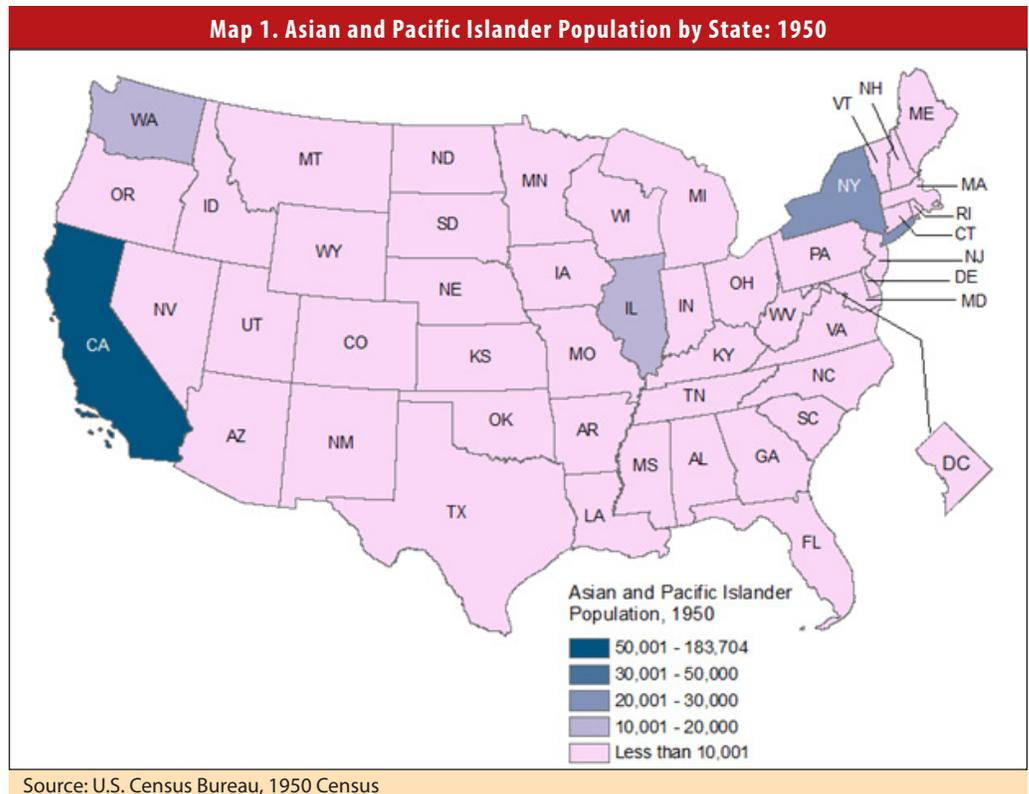


Table 1. United States and States Asian and Pacific Islander Population: 1950

States	Asian and Pacific Islander Population			
	Total Population	Number	Percent	% of total Asian and Pacific Islander population
U.S. Total	150,697,361	321,033	0.2	100
Alabama	3,061,743	338	0	0.1
Alaska	NA	NA	NA	NA
Arizona	749,587	3,204	0.4	1
Arkansas	1,909,511	731	0	0.2
California	10,586,223	183,704	1.7	57.2
Colorado	1,325,089	6,255	0.5	1.9
Connecticut	2,007,280	1,010	0.1	0.3
Delaware	318,085	135	0	0
District of Columbia	802,178	2,890	0.4	0.9
Florida	2,771,305	1,124	0	0.4
Georgia	3,444,578	782	0	0.2
Hawaii	NA	NA	NA	NA
Idaho	588,637	2,304	0.4	0.7
Illinois	8,712,176	17,960	0.2	5.6
Indiana	3,934,224	929	0	0.3
Iowa	2,621,073	671	0	0.2
Kansas	1,905,299	533	0	0.2
Kentucky	2,944,806	478	0	0.1
Louisiana	2,683,516	1,300	0	0.4
Maine	913,774	161	0	0.1
Maryland	2,343,001	1,699	0.1	0.5
Massachusetts	4,690,514	4,393	0.1	1.4
Michigan	6,371,766	3,776	0.1	1.2
Minnesota	2,982,483	2,061	0.1	0.6
Mississippi	2,178,914	1,097	0.1	0.3
Missouri	3,954,653	1,416	0	0.4
Montana	591,024	921	0.2	0.3
Nebraska	1,325,510	881	0.1	0.3
Nevada	160,083	779	0.5	0.2
New Hampshire	533,242	130	0	0
New Jersey	4,835,329	4,198	0.1	1.3
New Mexico	681,187	490	0.1	0.2
New York	14,830,192	27,783	0.2	8.7
North Carolina	4,061,929	551	0	0.2
North Dakota	619,636	162	0	0.1
Ohio	7,946,627	3,731	0	1.2
Oklahoma	2,233,351	625	0	0.2
Oregon	1,521,341	6,513	0.4	2
Pennsylvania	10,498,012	4,267	0	1.3
Rhode Island	791,896	558	0.1	0.2
South Carolina	2,117,027	243	0	0.1
South Dakota	652,740	110	0	0
Tennessee	3,291,718	397	0	0.1
Texas	7,711,194	3,955	0.1	1.2
Utah	688,862	4,902	0.7	1.5
Vermont	377,747	55	0	0
Virginia	3,318,680	1,403	0	0.4
Washington	2,378,963	17,376	0.7	5.4
West Virginia	2,005,552	183	0	0.1
Wisconsin	3,434,575	1,229	0	0.4
Wyoming	290,529	640	0.2	0.2

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1950 Census

Asian Population in the United States in 2010

The population of the United States was 308,745,538 on April 1, 2010, according to the 2010 Census. In 2010, there were 14,674,252 Asians in the United States, accounting for 4.8 percent of the nation's total population. About 43 percent of Asians lived in two states (California and New York).

California had the largest Asian population (4,861,007) and New York had the second largest Asian Population (1,420,244), while Wyoming with a total of 4,426 had the smallest Asian population. Asians in California alone accounted for one-third or 33.1 percent of the total Asian population in the United States. In 2010, ten states had percentages of Asian population higher than the national average at 4.8 percent. Hawaii had the highest percentage of Asian population in its total population (36.6 percent), followed by California (13.1 percent) and New Jersey (8.3 percent), while Montana (0.6 percent) had the lowest percentage of Asian population (Table 2).

Definition:

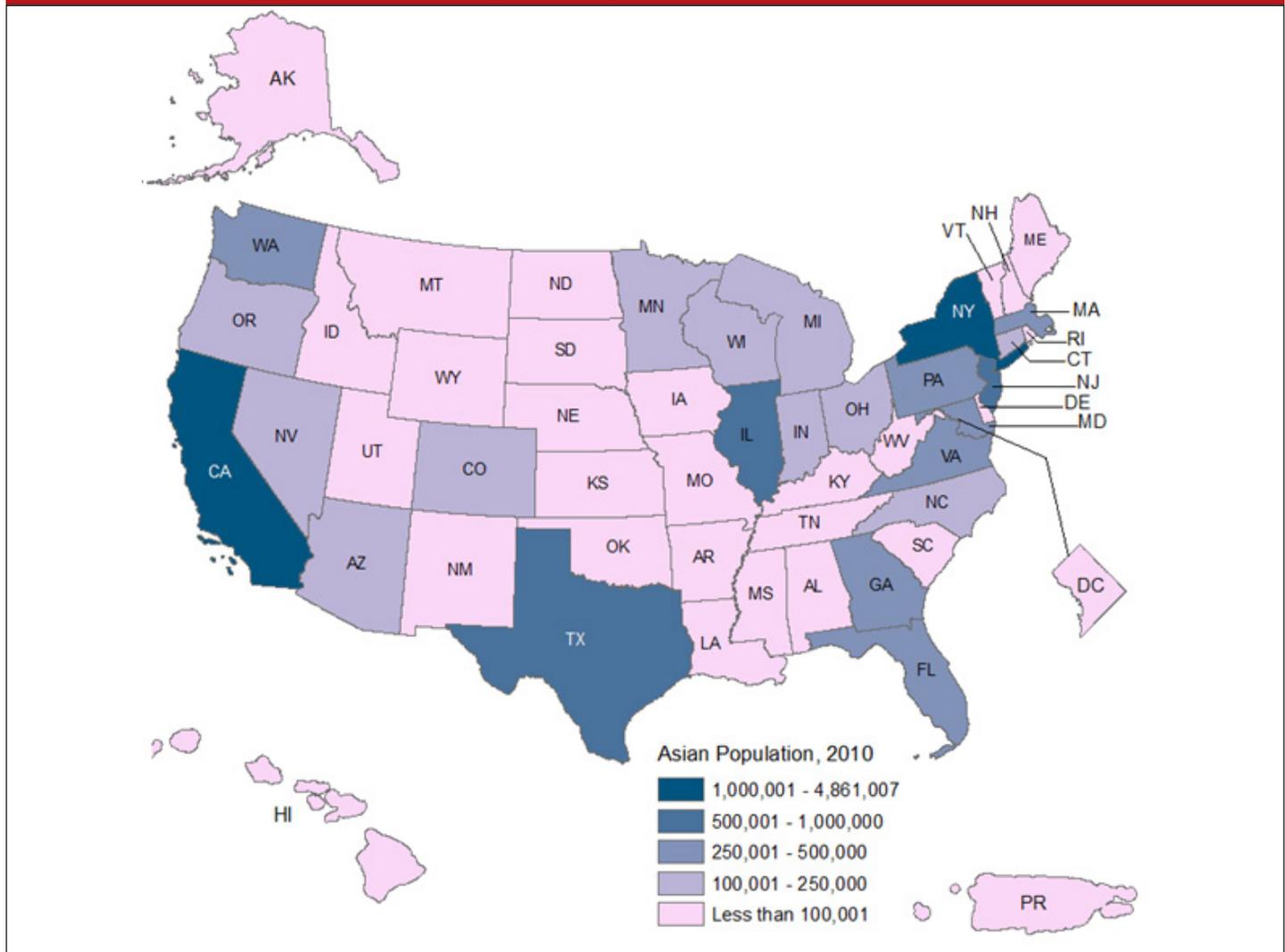
Asian or Pacific Islander: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands. This area includes, for example, China, India, Japan, Korea, the Philippine Islands, and Samoa.

Asian: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.

Note: As a result of changes in the definition of race, data on Asian population are not comparable over time.

Map 2. Asian Population by State: 2010



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census

Table 2. United States and States Asian and Pacific Islander Population: 2010

States	Total Population	Asian Population		
		Number	Percent	% of total Asian alone population
U.S. Total	308,745,538	14,674,252	4.8	100
Alabama	4,779,736	53,595	1.1	0.4
Alaska	710,231	38,135	5.4	0.3
Arizona	6,392,017	176,695	2.8	1.2
Arkansas	2,915,918	36,102	1.2	0.2
California	37,253,956	4,861,007	13	33.1
Colorado	5,029,196	139,028	2.8	0.9
Connecticut	3,574,097	135,565	3.8	0.9
Delaware	897,934	28,549	3.2	0.2
District of Columbia	601,723	21,056	3.5	0.1
Florida	18,801,310	454,821	2.4	3.1
Georgia	9,687,653	314,467	3.2	2.1
Hawaii	1,360,301	525,078	38.6	3.6
Idaho	1,567,582	19,069	1.2	0.1
Illinois	12,830,632	586,934	4.6	4
Indiana	6,483,802	102,474	1.6	0.7
Iowa	3,046,355	53,094	1.7	0.4
Kansas	2,853,118	67,762	2.4	0.5
Kentucky	4,339,367	48,930	1.1	0.3
Louisiana	4,533,372	70,132	1.5	0.5
Maine	1,328,361	13,571	1	0.1
Maryland	5,773,552	318,853	5.5	2.2
Massachusetts	6,547,629	349,768	5.3	2.4
Michigan	9,883,640	238,199	2.4	1.6
Minnesota	5,303,925	214,234	4	1.5
Mississippi	2,967,297	25,742	0.9	0.2
Missouri	5,988,927	98,083	1.6	0.7
Montana	989,415	6,253	0.6	0
Nebraska	1,826,341	32,293	1.8	0.2
Nevada	2,700,551	195,436	7.2	1.3
New Hampshire	1,316,470	28,407	2.2	0.2
New Jersey	8,791,894	725,726	8.3	4.9
New Mexico	2,059,179	28,208	1.4	0.2
New York	19,378,102	1,420,244	7.3	9.7
North Carolina	9,535,483	208,962	2.2	1.4
North Dakota	672,591	6,909	1	0
Ohio	11,536,504	192,233	1.7	1.3
Oklahoma	3,751,351	65,076	1.7	0.4
Oregon	3,831,074	141,263	3.7	1
Pennsylvania	12,702,379	349,088	2.7	2.4
Rhode Island	1,052,567	30,457	2.9	0.2
South Carolina	4,625,364	59,051	1.3	0.4
South Dakota	814,180	7,610	0.9	0.1
Tennessee	6,346,105	91,242	1.4	0.6
Texas	25,145,561	964,596	3.8	6.6
Utah	2,763,885	55,285	2	0.4
Vermont	625,741	7,947	1.3	0.1
Virginia	8,001,024	439,890	5.5	3
Washington	6,724,540	481,067	7.2	3.3
West Virginia	1,852,994	12,406	0.7	0.1
Wisconsin	5,686,986	129,234	2.3	0.9
Wyoming	563,626	4,426	0.8	0
Puerto Rico	3,725,789	6,831	0.2	0

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census

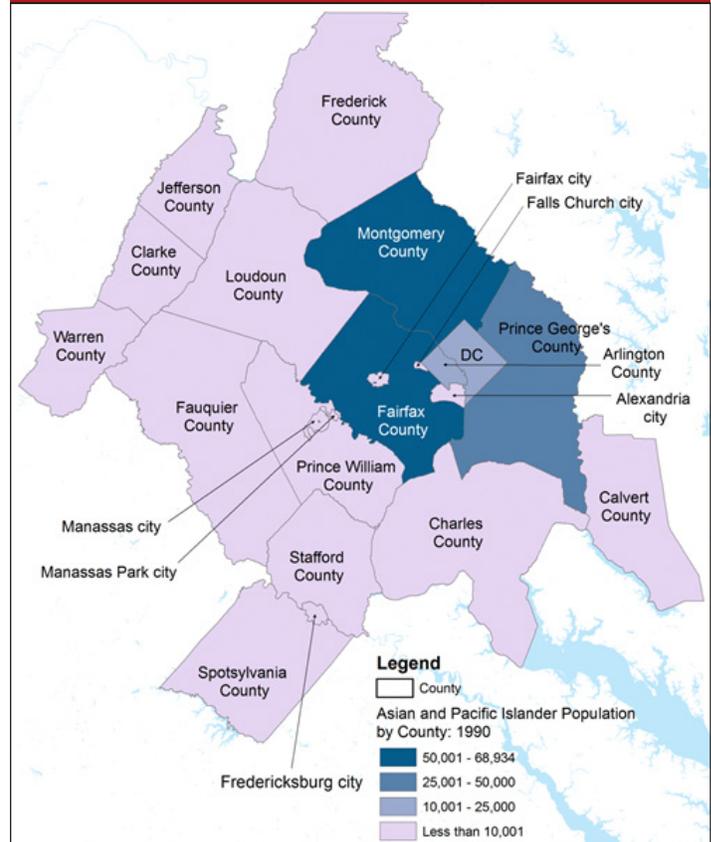
Asian and Pacific Islander Population in the Washington Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area (PMSA) in 1990

Washington Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area (PMSA) includes 22 jurisdictions, with the District of Columbia at the hub of the region, joined by Montgomery, Prince George's, Calvert, Charles and Frederick counties in Maryland; Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, Prince William, Stafford, Spotsylvania, Fauquier, Clarke and Warren counties, and the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, falls Church, Manassas, Manassas Park, and Fredericksburg in Virginia; and Jefferson County in West Virginia.

According to the 1990 Census, the total population of the Washington Metropolitan Area was 4,122,883 on April 1, 1990. Of the total, 202,886 or 4.9 percent were Asians and Pacific Islanders. More than three-fourths or 78.2 percent of Asians and Pacific Islanders lived in three counties in the PMSA (Fairfax County, VA, Montgomery County, MD and Prince George's County, MD). Fairfax County had the largest Asian and Pacific Islander population (68,934), followed by Montgomery County (61,774), Prince George's County (27,922), Arlington County (11,596), and the District of Columbia (11,233). Clarke County, VA had the smallest number of Asians and Pacific Islanders with 57.

By percent, in 1990, Fairfax County, VA had the highest percentage of Asian and Pacific Islander population in its total population (8.4 percent), followed by Montgomery County, MD (8.2 percent), Fairfax City, VA (7 percent), and Arlington County, VA (6.8 percent). Warren County, VA had the lowest percentage of Asian population at 0.2 percent (Table 3).

Map 3. Washington Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area (PMSA) Asian and Pacific Islander Population by County: 1990



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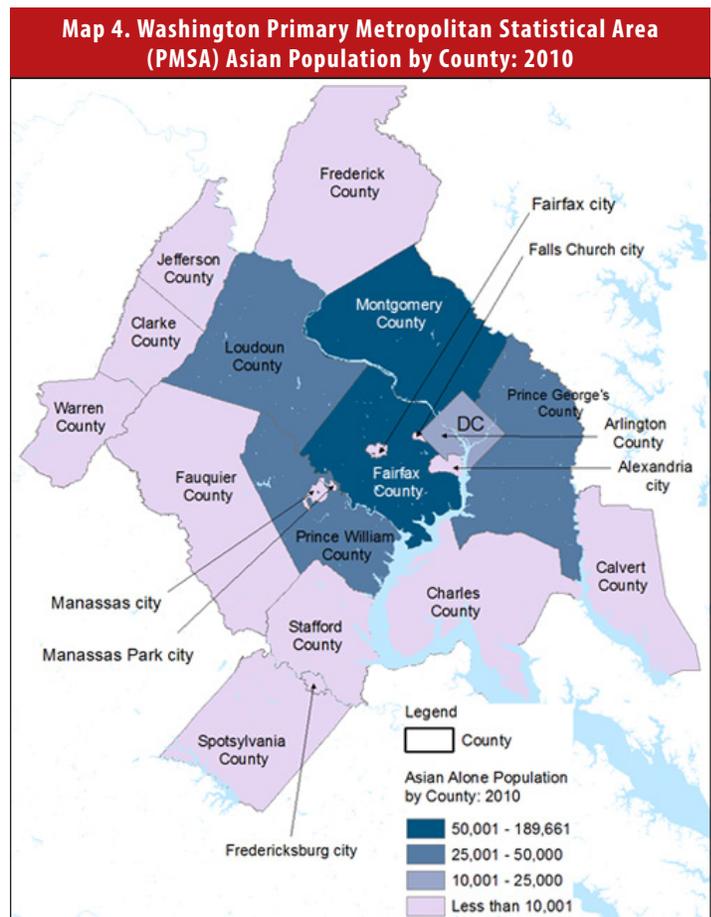
Geography	Total Population	Asian and Pacific Islander Population		
		Number	Percent	% of total Asian and Pacific Islander population
Total Washington Metro Area	4,122,883	202,886	4.9	100
District of Columbia	606,900	11,233	1.9	5.5
Calvert County, Maryland	51,372	219	0.4	0.1
Charles County, Maryland	101,154	1,208	1.2	0.6
Frederick County, Maryland	150,208	1,379	0.9	0.7
Montgomery County, Maryland	757,027	61,774	8.2	30.4
Prince George's County, Maryland	729,268	27,922	3.8	13.8
Arlington County, Virginia	170,936	11,596	6.8	5.7
Clarke County, Virginia	12,101	57	0.5	0
Fairfax County, Virginia	818,584	68,934	8.4	34
Fauquier County, Virginia	48,714	434	0.9	0.2
Loudoun County, Virginia	86,129	2,084	2.4	1
Prince William County, Virginia	215,686	6,895	3.2	3.4
Spotsylvania County, Virginia	57,403	550	1	0.3
Stafford County, Virginia	61,232	767	1.3	0.4
Warren County, Virginia	26,142	59	0.2	0
Alexandria city, Virginia	111,183	4,687	4.2	2.3
Fairfax city, Virginia	19,622	1,380	7	0.7
Falls Church city, Virginia	9,578	431	4.5	0.2
Fredericksburg city, Virginia	19,027	185	1	0.1
Manassas city, Virginia	27,957	827	3	0.4
Manassas Park city, Virginia	6,734	166	2.5	0.1
Jefferson County, West Virginia	35,926	99	0.3	0

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1990 Census

Asian Population in the Washington Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area (PMSA) in 2010

According to the 2010 Census, the total population of the Washington Metropolitan area was 5,582,170 on April 1, 2010. Of the total, 517,458 or 9.3 percent were Asians. In 2010, Fairfax County of Virginia (36.7 percent) and Montgomery County of Maryland (26.2 percent) accounted for nearly two-thirds or 62.8 percent of the total Asian population in the metropolitan area. Clarke County of Virginia, with a total of 126 people, had the smallest number of Asians and the District of Columbia, with a total of 21,056 Asians, accounted for 4.1 percent of the total Asians in the metropolitan Area.

In 2010, Fairfax county of Virginia had the highest percentage of Asian population in its total population (17.5 percent), followed by Fairfax city of Virginia (15.2 percent), Loudoun County of Virginia (14.7 percent) and Montgomery County of Maryland (13.9 percent), while Clarke County of Virginia had the lowest percentage of Asian population at 0.9 percent (Table 4).



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census

Table 4. Washington Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area (PMSA) Asian and Pacific Islander Population by County: 2010

Geography	Total Population	Asian and Pacific Islander Population		
		Number	Percent	% of total Asian and Pacific Islander population
Total Washington Metro Area	5,582,170	517,458	9.3	100
District of Columbia	601,723	21,056	3.5	4.1
Calvert County, Maryland	88,737	1,260	1.4	0.2
Charles County, Maryland	146,551	4,366	3	0.8
Frederick County, Maryland	233,385	8,946	3.8	1.7
Montgomery County, Maryland	971,777	135,451	13.9	26.2
Prince George's County, Maryland	863,420	35,172	4.1	6.8
Arlington County, Virginia	207,627	19,931	9.6	3.9
Clarke County, Virginia	14,034	126	0.9	0
Fairfax County, Virginia	1,081,726	189,661	17.5	36.7
Fauquier County, Virginia	65,203	836	1.3	0.2
Loudoun County, Virginia	312,311	46,033	14.7	8.9
Prince William County, Virginia	402,002	30,317	7.5	5.9
Spotsylvania County, Virginia	122,397	2,825	2.3	0.5
Stafford County, Virginia	128,961	3,620	2.8	0.7
Warren County, Virginia	37,575	360	1	0.1
Alexandria city, Virginia	139,966	8,432	6	1.6
Fairfax city, Virginia	22,565	3,432	15.2	0.7
Falls Church city, Virginia	12,332	1,162	9.4	0.2
Fredericksburg city, Virginia	24,286	689	2.8	0.1
Manassas city, Virginia	37,821	1,884	5	0.4
Manassas Park city, Virginia	14,273	1,281	9	0.2
Jefferson County, West Virginia	53,498	618	1.2	0.1

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census

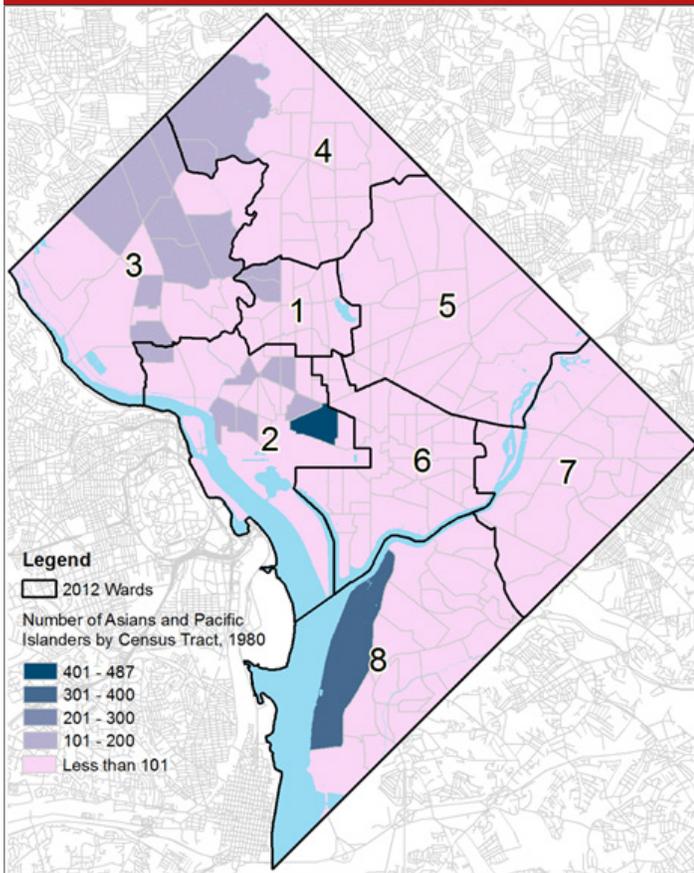
Asian and Pacific Islander Population in the District of Columbia, 1980

In 1980, the District of Columbia had a total population of 636,333, according to the 1980 Census. In 1980, there were 6,636 Asians and Pacific Islanders, representing 1.0 percent of the District's total population. Of the 182 census tracts in the District in 1980, 19 census tracts had Asian and Pacific Islander population number over 100 (Map 5), representing nearly half or 47.1 percent of the total Asian and Pacific Islander population. Census tract 58 (Chinatown and Penn Quarter area) in Ward 2 had the largest number of Asian and Pacific Islander population (487), followed by census tract 73.1 (west of Congress Heights and Bellevue) in Ward 8 (355), and census tract 57.1 (George Washington University area) in Ward 2 (179).

Asian Population in the District of Columbia, 2010

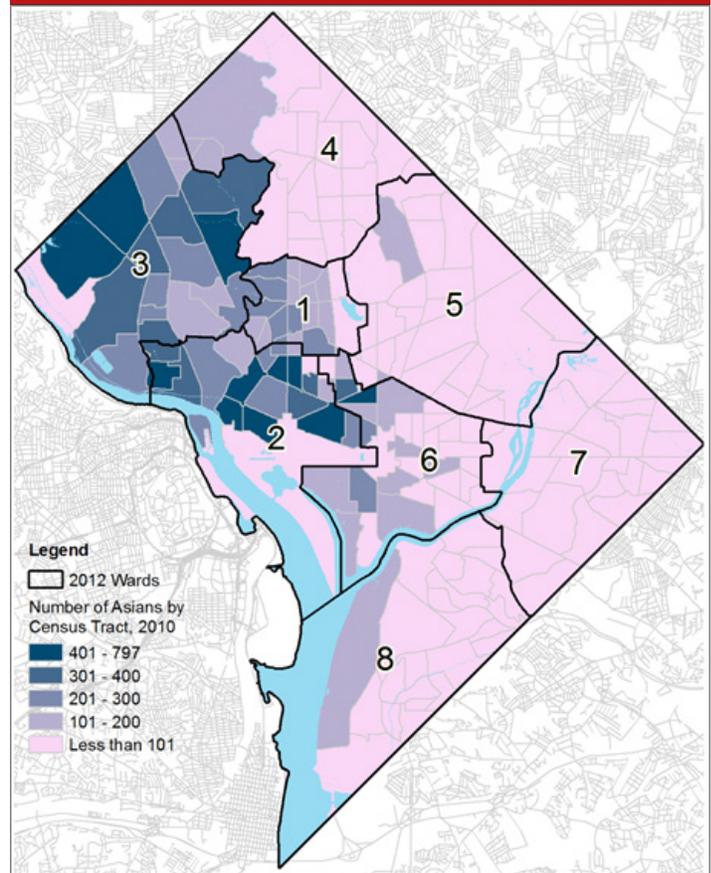
In 2010, the District of Columbia had a total population of 601,723, according to the 2010 Census. There were 21,056 Asians representing 3.5 percent of the District's total population. In 2010, of the total 179 census tracts, 66 census tracts had Asian population of 101 or more (Map 6), representing 83.4 percent of the total Asian population in the District. Census Tract 56 (Foggy Bottom neighborhood area) in Ward 2 had the largest Asian population (797), followed by Census Tract 108 (George Washington University area) in Ward 2 (708), Census Tract 58 (Chinatown and Penn Quarter neighborhoods) in Ward 2 (602), and Census Tract 13.02 (Forest Hills neighborhood) in Ward 3 (595). According to the 2010 Census, almost one-third (32.7 percent) of all Asians in the District lived in Ward 2, followed by Ward 3 (25.2 percent), Ward 6 (15.2 percent), Ward 1 (13.9 percent), Ward 4 (6.3 percent), Ward 5 (4.8 percent), Ward 6 (1.8 percent), and Ward 7 (0.7 percent).

Map 5. District of Columbia Asian and Pacific Islander Population Distribution, 1980



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1980 Census

Map 6. District of Columbia Asian Population Distribution, 2010



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census

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